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OFFICE OF FEDERAL PROCUREMENT POLICY

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Subject: Procurement Research

Last summer I wrote to urge participation by your agency in the Fifth Annual Department of Defense (DOD) Procurement Research Symposium, which was held at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, November 17-19, 1976. The Symposium was well attended and was very successful. I was particularly pleased to note the attendance and participation by representatives from a large number of civil agencies. Improving the procurement process should be a concern of everyone who is a part of that process. Research dedicated to developing and testing new and improved business methods and techniques has proven its worth in the last several years for DOD and we are anxious to see this effort expanded to include the civil agencies.

DOD has now scheduled the next Procurement Research Symposium to be held June 22-24, 1977 at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York. This is only a few months after the last one, but it has been found necessary to recycle this event in order not to interfere with normal end of the fiscal year workload, and to avoid conflict with other activities normally scheduled in the last quarter of the calendar year.

I again urge participation by your agency in this very vital effort to advance the state of the art in procurement. Would you please disseminate the attached call for papers and encourage the active participation of your procurement managers and operators.

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Additional details about the Symposium will be forwarded as planning develops. In the meantime, please contact any of the individuals listed in the attached announcement or Mr. LeRoy J. Haugh of my staff (395-6186) for further information. Abstracts of papers should be submitted directly to announcement.

Hugh E. Witt Administrator

Attachment

Director of Logistics

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The attached memo from the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB, regarding the DOD Procurement Research Symposium should be of interest to you.

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Attachment: DDA 77-0556, Memo from Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB, dated 26 Jan 77, to DCI, Subject: Procurement Research.